

13th April 2025

Dear Parent/ Carer

Re: Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Camping Expedition 02.07.2026 – 03.07.2026

As you know your child is currently taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and working hard to complete their physical, skills and volunteering section. Your child has also started practicing their expedition skills which will benefit them for their expedition.

A major section of the DofE is the expedition element. I am pleased to announce that the routes and campsite (Ivy Bank Staycation) for the bronze expedition have been organised and booked.

Your child has been selected to go on the expedition taking place on **Thursday 2nd July 2026 to Friday 3rd July 2026**. This means that your child will be completing their expedition on these days rather than their normal school days.

The walking element of the expedition will take place from the Dallowgill area which is situated in Kirkby Malzeard, Ripon. Students will need to arrive to school for 8:25am on Thursday 2nd July 2026 in suitable clothing and walkwear. They will meet in the gym for final checks to ensure students have everything they need and are fully prepared for their expedition. We will then be setting off for North Yorkshire at 9am.

Students will return on Friday 3rd July, departing from the Dallowgill area at 5pm, returning to school for 6:30pm.

Your child will be provided with an official kit list. We will be supplying the tents, mats, cooking equipment and the camping bags so if your child requires any additional equipment, you will be responsible for providing such items.

Your child will need enough food/food supplies for meals from Monday morning until Tuesday afternoon including emergency rations. It is important your child has the correct food and quantity of foods for the trip. Your child will have access to the camping stove for dinner Monday evening and breakfast Tuesday morning.

*Please complete the consent on MCAS (My Child at School) no later than **Friday 8th May**, to secure a place and enable your child to attend the trip. Under your child's name select the trip option and choose the available tab option then click to enrol. Please also ensure your child's medical information is up to date on MCAS (if any amendments are required, please message into school via the MCAS app so they can be updated). If you require a new activation email for MCAS please contact Mrs Harris at the Academy.*

The expedition is free of charge. As with all Manor Croft Academy excursions, we reserve the right to withdraw a place on all trips if a student's behaviour in school is below the acceptable standard.

If you have any questions or require any more information, then please do not hesitate to email me (Bulbuliaz@manorcroft.org.uk) or give me a call on the school number.

Yours faithfully

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DofE Manager